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In re application of Ichiro Yamashita

Serial No.: 09/893,666

DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: June 29, 2001

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This is in response to applicant's petition, filed December 31, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3). Applicant requests that the examiner consider two references which were previously submitted prior to allowance.

DECISION

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the references.

Any request for reconsideration or review of this decision must be made by a renewed petition and must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this decision in order to be considered timely.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, or by telephone at (571) 272-0974 or by facsimile transmission at (571) 273-0974.

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